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(ALL NOTAL)

1. THE GERMANS BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN PRESS-
URE ON WALDHEIM TO CALL FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE INTER-
COMMUNAL TALKS. THE FRG UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ECEVIT/
CARAMANLIS SUMMIT IS NOW SET FOR MAY 29 IN WASHINGTON.

2. DURING MY MAY 22 MEETING WITH VAN WELL ON ANOTHER
SUBJECT (SEPTEL), WE HAD A BRIEF TOUR D'HORIZON ON
THE ECEVIT VISIT AND THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. VAN WELL RECAPPED THE VISIT
ALONG FAMILIAR LINES (REF A). HE REITERATED THAT THE
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FRG ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ECEVIT'S WILLINGNESS
TO NEGOTIATE ON THE POLITICAL FRAMEWORK OF VAROSHA AND
TO ALLOW SOME 30,000 GREEKS TO RETURN TO THE AREA.
THESE WERE ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATIONS TO THE TURKISH
PROPOSALS AND THEY SHOULD BE TESTED.

3. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT WALDHEIM WAS RELUCTANT TO

CALL FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND HIS RESPONSE TO THE APPROACH BY THE FRG AMBASSADOR IN NEW YORK (REF C), HAD BEEN NEGATIVE. WALDHEIM APPEARED TO BE MAKING THE SUCCESS OF THE TALKS A PREREQUISITE FOR THEIR RESUMPTION; THIS WAS NOT AT ALL PROMISING. THE SITUATION COULD NOT WAIT FOR WALDHEIM TO MAKE UP HIS MIND AND IT WAS IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO PRESS HIM TO ISSUE INVITATIONS AT AN EARLY DATE.

4. IN THIS CONTEXT, VAN WELL SAID THE FRG HAD RECENTLY HEARD OF A NEW AMERICAN "IDEA" ON VAROSHA. VAN WELL UNDERSTOOD THE US WOULD BE PURSUING THE "IDEA" WITH WALDHEIM AND HE THOUGHT THIS MOST HELPFUL.

5. VAN WELL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE ECEVIT/CARAMANLIS SUMMIT HAD NOW BEEN ARRANGED FOR MAY 29 IN WASHINGTON.

6. VAN WELL REITERATED THE POINT THAT RUHFUS HAD MADE TO ME EARLIER (REF B) REGARDING GERMAN SURPRISE AT ECEVIT'S REFUSAL TO SIGN THE NATO DECLARATION. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE GERMANS HAD NOT HAD THIS IMPRESSION DURING THEIR TALKS WITH ECEVIT AND WOULD HAVE PRESSED HIM ON THE ISSUE HAD THEY HAD ANY INDICATION OF THE POSITION HE WAS GOING TO TAKE.

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7. WITH REGARD TO THE FORTHCOMING CONGRESSIONAL VOTE ON THE EMBARGO, ELEKDAG HAD TOLD VAN WELL THAT A NEGATIVE OUTCOME WOULD MAKE THE TURKISH PROPOSALS "IRRELEVANT." IN REPLY, I OUTLINED THE PERSONAL EFFORTS BEING MADE WITH THE CONGRESS BY BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY.
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